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SUBJECT: ITALIAN SALE OF APC'S TO TURKEY

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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOTE
5264 DATED DEC 12 STATING GOT INTENTION TO PURCHASE
APC'S FROM ITALY AND GIVING ASSURANCE THAT IT WILL NOT
TRANSFER THEM WITHOUT WRITTEN USG APPROVAL.

2. NOTE DEVIATES FROM FROM STANDARD LANGUAGE EMBASSY PRESENTED
TO MFA (REFTEL) BY INDICATING THAT GOT AND ITALY
HAVE NOT YET REACHED FINAL AGREEMENT ON SALE OF APC'S.
AFTER COMPLIMENTARY OPENING PARA, PARA 2 READS "THE
TURKISH AUTHORITIES ARE CONSIDERING THE PURCHASE OF 100
ARMOURED PERSONNEL CARRIERS FROM ITALY." WITH ONE
EXCEPTION, PARA 3 IS SAME AS STANDARD LANGUAGE. INSTEAD
OF "THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY UNDERSTANDS," MFA NOTE
READS "THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDERSTANDS."

PARA 4 OPENS WITH "SINCE IT IS THE PRESENT INTENTION OF
THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES TO PURCHASE THE AVOE-MENTIONED
PERSONNEL CARRIERS, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRA,
IN ORDER TO ACCELERATE THE NECESSARY PROCEDURE
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IN CASE A DEFINITE DECISION IS AKEN ON THIS MATTER,

WOULD LIKE TO GIVE ITS ASSURANCES, AT THIS STAGE, THAT
IT WILL NOT TRANSFER...." REMAINDER OF NOTE IS STANDARD
LANGUAGE.

3. COPY OF MFA NOTE BEING POUCHED.
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